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SUBJECT: NZ SECURITY OBJECTIVES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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1. DEFSEC ROBERTSON'S VIEWS ON SECURITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA GENERALLY REFLECT GNZ CONCEPTIONS. KIRK GOVERNMENT FEELS IT HAS ROLE TO PLAY IN AREA IN ORDER TO AID DEVELOPMENT OF STABLE, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS. TO THAT END GNZ CONTINUING ITS PRESENCE IN SEATO AND FPDA, AND IS INCREASING BILATERAL ECONOMIC AID. SOME SMALL SCALE MILITARY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS BEING UNDERTAKEN AS IS MODEST PROGRAM OF PARA-MILITARY AID, I.E., RETRAINING SOON-TO-BE DISCHARGED INDOENSIAN ARMY PERSONNEL IN CIVILIAN TRADES. GNZ COMMITTED TO FPDA AS LONG AS IT REMAINS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED.

2. GNZ IS REALISTIC ABOUT SEA SECURITY PROBLEMS. WE

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WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS REALISM DOES NOT NECESSARILY

EXTEND VERY FAR OUT INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN. PM KIRK  
SUBSCRIBED TO INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE DURING VISIT TO  
NEW DELHI EARLY THIS YEAR AND ISSUED STATEMENT DEPLORING ALL  
MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN INDAIN OCEAN FOLLOWING US ANNOUNCE-  
MENT OF INTENTION TO EXPAND DIEGO GARCIA. BE THAT AS IT  
MAY KIRK MAY BE WILLING TO PRIVATELY PUT CASE FOR CON-  
TINUANCE UTAPAO-BASED RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS TO THAIS  
THROUGH THAI EMBASSY HERE OR NZ EMBASSY BANGKOK. WE WILL  
PROPOSE THIS TO GNZ EARLY NEXT WEEK FOLLOWING RETURN OF  
ROBERTSON AND CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF LT. GEN. WEBB.  
BOTH DELAYED ON RETURN TRIP DUE MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WITH  
AIRCRAFT IN BALI.  
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